## **PATENT**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Das et al.

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For: Method Of Fabricating an Oxide Layer on a Silicon Carbide Layer Utilizing an Anneal in a Hydrogen Environment

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